#### Bjornson on Rivalries and Alliances of Nations

Famous Norwegian Regrets Friendliness of United States for Russia and Predicts It Will Lead to Disaster—The Union of Opposites

By L. WHITE BUSBEY.

had met him in Chicago when he made ognized as allies. is first visit to this country and he vitation. It is needless to say that the posing ideals of government but young American was pleased with the opposites in civilization. The United suburban retreat of the great Norse- the world; Russia is the home of op little garden which was Bjornson's work- States there is political and religious

thusiasm of the West, where he found the will of the Czar. You ennoble women, and Russia makes women the perous, happy and loyal American citi- slaves of men's passions. You are govzens. His talk was filled with optimism erning by education, enlightenment and as to the future of this country, where the broadest kind of liberty to the citimen of all nationalities and even of all |zen; Russia is raling by suppressing the greatest and most prosperous nation extreme in everything except strength, in the world and demonstrate the vital- and the other Governments of Europe ity of the principles of democracy.

working to develop civilization. "Your United States is not an ex-

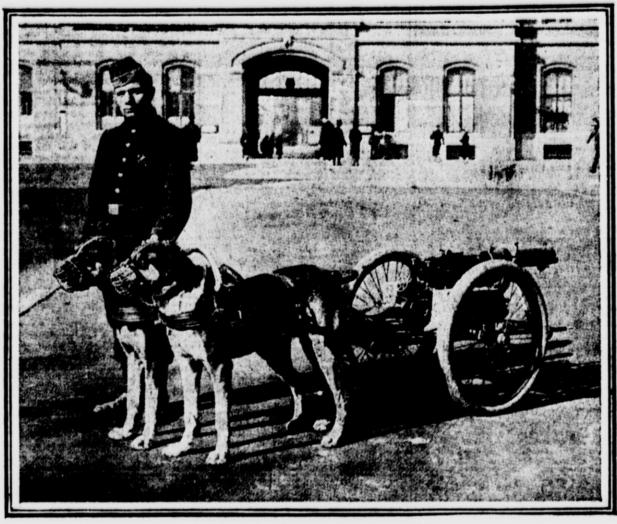
Bear and we have an alliance of disopposites as the greatest conin international relations. Government any evidence of an agree-

your civil war. The Czar then per-LLIANCES between great na- formed a great service, not only for tions are like happy marriages, your country but for civilization, in the union of opposites. This preventing the other European Powers seems to be true to-day as it from meddling in the family quarrel some years ago when Bjornstjerne which might have destroyed the great Bjornson, the Norwegian poet and dram-atist, used the illustration in reference acknowledge that service, but in that the traditional friendship between incident was developed the most conthe United States and Russia. I was a tradictory alliance of all that we now summer idler in Paris and one morning have in any part of the world. Russia received an invitation from Mr. Bjorn- made herself your ally in a time of son to take tea with him at his home in sore need and in all Europe these two the suburbs of the French capital. I great resourceful Powers are now rec-

"But see the incongruity of the al kindly recalled that meeting in his in- liance. They represent not only opcompliment and set out at once for the States is the haven of liberty for all I was at once shown into the pression and autocracy. In the United shop as well as his place of recreation, liberty for all; in Russia there is and his greeting was even more cordial neither for any one. You teach that han his note of invitation. He at once no man is good enough to rule an began to recall incidents of his visit to other; Russia teaches that no man is the United States and spoke with en- good enough to be more than a slave to races not only lived in harmony but every effort at education and enlightenbecame loyal citizens and heartily co- ment and every impulse for liberty operated in their efforts to make this These two great giants represent the which have for a hundred years been Suddenly the big Norseman rose making slow but sure advancement towfrom his rustic chair, strode about the ard the standards of the United States little garden for a minute or two and are regarded as her enemies. England then turning to me as his lone auditor and France are nearest to the ideals of changed the drift of his monologue government in your country, but you to a discussion of international alli- look with suspicion if not with enmity ances. He spoke of the jealousies and upon both. Germany is nearest to your rivalries of European nations and their country in the policy of industrial de-tendency to seek alliances with their velopment and scientific discovery, but opposites instead of cooperating along you will have nothing to do with Gerwhich they all professed to be many. My own country has sent millions of her people to the United States to develop your natural resources and ception to this rule," said he, with a become a valuable part of your citizenshake of his big head. "There the ship, but you have no thought of Norfairest product of civilization has way and Sweden as nations. Your one her bosom the great Russian great friend in all the Eastern Hemi-

Europe and all Asia fear." Bjornson shook his head, and there two great nations, representing was a note of sadness in his voice as xtremes in government, are in he resumed. "It is a strange alliance, But there is to-day a better panded across Asia to the Pacific and great white Czar as the sole representaunderstanding and a firmer friendship has gathered under her dominion mill- tive of authority to the multiplied races between Russia and the United States ions of people of multiplied races and representing every degree of civilizathan between any other civilized na-tions in the world. You call it a south to the warm waters of the In-world. traditional friendship, and it is recip-dian Ocean and the Mediterranean "The United States will remain the rocal. I do not blame the United with an ambition to occupy the Old friend of Russia through all this ag-States for acknowledging in many ways World capital of Constantinople. She gression because your traditional policy the great service of Czar Alexander is reaching to the west to have her when he sent his fleet to New York boundaries on the Atlantic, and some

### DOG TEAMS DRAW BELGIAN MACHINE GUNS TO FIRING LINE



Belgian machine gun drawn by dogs.

pack animals, motors and soldiers' compares favorably with that of horse backs. The Belgians have lately ex- drawn guns. perimented with dog teams and the results seem to be very satisfactory. The gun and the ammunition are carried | that

by a pair of dogs.

JARIOUS methods for the trans- great freedom and ease and at the same | Well trained dogs pay no attention to portation of machine guns have time, being closely coupled, complete hostile fire, been employed by the different control is secured. On good roads or In some control is secured. military Powers, wagons, draught and in open country the driver may ride. It has been shown that the rate of march

The advantages claimed for the dog teams, aside from the cheapness, are they may be used in country on light two wheeled carts, each drawn which would be impassable for larger animals; they present a smaller target The dogs are harnessed with yoke for hostile fire and can utilize scanter and breast strap, giving the animals and lower cover in going into position. dog teams for machine guns.

possible for the teams and driver to cross a fire swept zone the dogs and guns have been held back under cover while the driver worked forward to a position by crawling and taking advantage of every possible cover. Once in position leased and cross the open space at a run to join their master. Holland is also experimenting with

in Europe. Then it will be easy for sions. The United States will extend Hiance against all Western Europe. Beauty and the Beast, and it will lead know you will say that there is no to disaster, to the Armageddon. Russla is great and ambitious. So is the them his own. From the Mediterranean amples of liberty and prosperity. You ates, and I do not suppose there could United States. Russia believes in au Russia will take France and Spain and will teach democracy to Mexico and between these two Powers to in the divine right of the Czar to rule Japan and India will be added to her propaganda of liberty and democracy liberty, while the Old World will have

"The United States will remain the is no entangling alliances with European Powers and no interference in as a warning to England and France day she will take Norway and Sweden European politics. Then you will be busy not to interfere in the great contest of because we have no powerful protectors with your own ambitions and expan-

id in the official archives of any tocracy as sincerely as the United States then will close in on Germany and Central America, and they will seek ad- and the battle at Armageddon resulted believes in democracy. Russia believes Austria, to rule all Europe. China and mission as States in the Union. The in chaos: operate for their mutual advantage and that it is his destiny to rule all the an alliance either offensive or de- Eastern continent. Russia has ex- in the Eastern Hemisphere with the great republic and the New World substance of this remarkable prophecy nent dedicated to political and religious

> become reactionary under the rule of autocracy with neither political nor religious liberty. "The traditional friendship between Russia will continue to believe that the

Bjornson stopped short in his mono logue and after a few moments of silence I asked which would prevail. "No

As I rode back into Paris that eve of the Norwegian poet and philosopher in the summer of 1887. Bjornstjerne Bjornson could not then foresee an alliprotect Europe from the domination of United States as the only great neutral Russia and the United States will then Power watching the battle at Armaome to an end. You in America will geddon and ready to aid in bringing ontinue to believe that you represent back peace. Nor could be foresee the ne civilization which should dominate abrogation of the treaty of amity and the world and uplift all humanity. friendship between the United States and Russia and their continuance of white Czar represents the living God, friendly relations without that formality to rule on earth through the ages. Both under which international relations are vill be controlled by abiding faith, and now maintained. Traditional friendooth will possess the courage of their con- ships may prove more effective bands ictions. They will fight for their ideals of peace than triple alliances or triple and then will come the Armageddon." ententes.

up from somewhere when needed money revenge, in apparently inexhaustible quantities. Other continue the fight against the enemy.

to suffer for having disturbed the peace, not merely of Europe but of the entire world. For, as indicated above, Asia, Australasia, Africa, and the whole of this Western Hemisphere are affected by the present conflict, and that too in manner calculated to cause all sorts Congo. of political and economic troubles.

for all this, and also to punish her for having by the constant increase of her armaments, and by her perpetually menother great Powers of Europe, and even which they have long groaned. a number of small ones, to embark in such ruinous expenditures for purposes of defence as to bring the nations concerned to the verge of bankruptcy and called upon to surrender, besides her their population to the brink of revolutional province of Galicla to Russia, the latter would be the representation of the bring of the Hargeryina and possibly the Hargeryina and the most that the latter would be called upon to surrender, besides her their population to the brink of revolutions the province of Galicla to Russia. tion, owing to the intolerable burden of would

taxation rendered necessary thereby.

cial resources are well nigh inexhaust- she were to lend herself to a too complete dismemberment of either the Gerand that the much complained of arroprospects blighted. In 1871, at the close of the, to her. man or the Austrian empire. Both are gance on the part of German officials so disastrous war with Germany, which needed to preserve in a measure the was often due and left the entire country at the mercy equilibrium of power and to prevent the of the tourist. f the invader, and when ruin and deso- abnormal development of the might of of the invader, and when ruin and deso-lation had spread all over the land, the peasants from their hidden resources paid with so much ease and rapidity the colossal war indemnity exacted by the colossal war indemnity exa Bismarck that the old Chancellor to his dying day regretted profoundly not have Slav peril. Indeed, all the influence of ing asked for doubte or treble the Uncle Sam on the cessation of hostili-amount. And so it will be in the pres-ent war. No matter whether France is the resentment of the victors against detorious or whether for a time her the vanquished, and in obtaining mercifair land is once more overrun by Ger- ful terms for the defeated, that is to man armies, as forty-four years ago, say, terms leaving the least possible she may always be relied upon to dig degree of rancor and of yearnings for Otherwise the German Empire may

be disrupted, the Kaiser reduced to his And in these wars of nations it is money role of King of Prussia, with his And in these wars of matter. It was the that tells in the long run. It was the lack of money alone that prevented which would go, along with Austrian that tells in the discretization of the relationship of her victory.

which Russia, from pushing it to its logical conclusion, and which compelled her to submit, as at the close of her previous campaign against China, to the previous campaign against China, to the colosinal possessions in Africa, and England would thus be in a position to fulfil the dream of Cecil Rhodes of runching the long of her victory.

Which would go, her conjunction with Russian Poland, to form, in conjunction with Russian Poland, an autonomous Polish State, subject to the suzerainty of the Carr. Great Britain and France would share between them the Kaiser's colonial possessions in Africa, and England would thus be in a position to fulfil the dream of Cecil Rhodes of runching the runch states.

Suddenty war. Shops close, wheels cease their revolutions, the farmer lays aside his possession of a first class ticket we were delighted to stand up in a third class corridor tightly wedged in between the factors and the workman his tools. Class corridor tightly wedged in between the fulfil the dream of Cecil Rhodes of runching the runching the runch states. lack of money alone that prevented which would go, along with Austrian Japan in 1995 from continuing her war Poland, to form, in conjunction with If the Triple Entente wins in the long run, in the present war, which seems like a foregone conclusion, it will be hope to the shores of the Meditera matter for very grave thought as to what degree Germany should be made British territory.

Belgium, too, would be rewarded for the gallant resistance which she has offered to the Kaiser's invasion France across her territory by the acquisition of a slice of German territory adjoining her own colony of the The Kaiser, moreover, would undoubtedly be forced to restore to Of course there will be a disposition Denmark her Duchies of Schleswig and o force Germany to pay the penalty Holstein, while the kingdoms of Saxony, of Wurttemberg and of Bavaria and the other States of the German Empir would be emancipated from their op acing attitude, compelled most of the pressive subjection to Prussia, under

There would, however, be no dispo sition to dismember the dual empire, be Herzegovina and possibly Bosnia to Servia, as Russia's protegee. The members of the Triple Entente, For whereas the maintenance of the and those of the Governments which derman Empire in its present constitu-have thrown in their lot with them, tion, as created by Bismarck, with blood will be anxious to reduce Germany to a sufficient degree of impotency to admit of a wholesale reduction of armaments, and even a limitation thereof. in all parts of the world, for the sake a bond of common affection and loyalty of securing something akin to a last-ing peace and full freedom for indus-trial and commercial development, untrial and commercial development, undisturbed by the apprehension of war. The United States is quite as much interested as are Great Britain, France and Russia in bringing about this elimination of the curse of militarism, and of the ever haunting spectre of war, by the international limitation of condition.

Otherwise have been constantly fighting to the curse of universal peace that to the conclusion of the present war the dual monarchy should be present condition.

Disregarding instructions, we kept our eyes wide open and saw that the bridge was heavily guarded.

At the last German station before the Dutch frontier we were hustled out with such baggage as we had (all trunks had been left in Cologne) and compelled to show our passports or to per cent.

#### An American Editor's Trip Down the Rhine in War Time

Dr. H. S. Baketel Tells of His Experiences Escaping Into Holland From Germany-Soldiers on the Lookout for Hostile Aeroplanes

editor of the Medical Times. How his was examined and we were loaded on to

It was while in the beautiful city of Frankfort, says Dr. Baketel, a place where medievalism and modernism are so delightfully blended, that we learned that war between Germany and Russia could only be averted by a miracle. Even then no one outside of those "on the inside" believed England and Belgium would be involved, and even the participation of France was only a possible to the participation of France was only a possible to the value of our ticket, but a Dutch were at least forty people, mostly women, was labelled Rotterdam, but at 2:30 o'clock in the morning we were unloaded at Utrecht and told we would get a direct train to Rotterdam in an hour. That hour was extended until it reached 7 o'clock. Meanwhile we power that the power is the power in the power in the power is the power in the power in the power is the power in the power in the power is the power in the power in the power in the power is the power in the power is the power in the power is the power in the power in the power in the power is the power in the power

antry, cavalry, field artillery in countrontiers, and sad it is to think that some of those brightly uniformed, happy go lucky boys are among the 25,000 Germans who were sacrificed in the terrific fighting around Liege.

Deeming it advisable to leave Germany before any actual declaration of ostilities, we boarded an express steamer at Mainz for Cologne, only to earn after sailing that Germany had icclared war on Russia that very day and that our steamer was the last hich would go down the Rhine.

The voyage along that wonderful river s memorable. Not for its natural beauties, the glorious old castles that surmount its peaks, or the ghost haunted ruins, whose walls if they could speak would reveal almost unbelievable tales of war, rapine, plunder, love and in-trigue, not for the beautiful views of hill and valley, of vineyard and quaintly nestled village, but because stern visaged war was brought directly to our attention.

On an island below Mainz were mounted peculiarly shaped guns, especially designed to shoot aeroplanes. Every island in the river was carefully guarded. At either end of every railroad tunnel on each side of the river were infantrymen, who waved a genial salute as the steamer sped by. All quays prophet can see the outcome," replied the poet. "War destroys civilization and the pattle at Armageddon resulted could be seen stretching wires and field artillery was being mounted in advantageous positions.

At Coblentz and Bonn companies of soldiers were drawn up on the tops of buildings, intently gazing heavenward. They were watching for hostile aero-

the topmost peaks of the cathedral tow-ers scanning the skies for French air-The fortifications were heavily manned men. Crowds of people thronged the and the town of Harwich was alive square about the cathedral, with necks with soldiers and sailors. The North

It was in Cologne that our troubles every preparation at Harwich and her commenced. Much criticism has been other North Sea ports. directed against German civil, military and railway officials in English and with one great Power and on the verge husbanding of all resources.

of a conflict in which its very existence England and indeed all Europe is seriously threatened. The military realize that as a result of the war the ways. Confusion reigned and all men will be retarded for fifty years. Their were irritable. We found that queswas often due to incivility on the part

> consternation we learned that all pas-cific methods do not obtain soon (and senger trains would be cancelled that such an event seems out of the question night in order to make way for troop at this time) the world will witness the trains. With the aid of an intelligent most awful slaughter in its history, hotel porter we fairly fought our way Hundreds of thousands of lives will be into the passenger train. It was packed sacrificed and billions of dollars will be with a sweating, swearing mob. reprecast into the blood-lined melting pot. senting almost every nationality, each person wildly anxious to leave the beauiful empire, whose grain laden fields and wonderful vineyards had only that cers, physicians, lawyers, priests, merday seemed the very harbingers of chants and workmen-and not one man peace. Despite wrong directions given desired war. Their countries were more us the faithful porter found a train prosperous than ever, business

our childhood's teachings—"Cleanliness is next to godliness," and we wished there were less godliness in Holland.

Notwithstanding these olfactory afflic tions we were glad to be en our way and maintained a meek and humble attitude. The conductor advised all refugees to make for Rotterdam instead of Amsterdam, a suggestion with which we eagerly complied. The scheduled time between Cologne and Rotterdam is four hours and fifteen minutes, but it took us over fourteen hours of the most un-pleasant travel.

We made good time to Dusseldorf. where the train was searched by German soldiers for any Germans who were attempting to escape and thereby evade military duty. Upon reaching the bridge crossing the Rhine we were held un two hours. The bridge had been mined electrical connections before we crossed. As our train stood there, guarded on either side by soldiers, train after train of empty passenger and freight cars passed us going toward Cologne. Holland, as a neutral country, was sending all German cars out of its territory.

MONG the American medical men who went abroad to attend the clinical congress in London last month was Dr. H. S. Baketel, subsequent trip through Europe was cut short by the war he describes in an article he has written for the Torthcoming issue of his paper.

How his third class cars, resembling some of the poor Jim Crow cars in the South, and started for Rotterdam. Our particular little six seated cattle car, in which

participation of France was only a pos-of the value of our ticket, but a Dutch sibility. of the value of our ticket, but a Dutch soldier told us in his best Dutch that We watched the preparations for war the train was for soldiers only. We with eager interest. All day we saw professed complete ignorance of that soldiers, soldiers, soldiers. Fine, up- awful conglomeration of grunts, groans solders, solders, clean cut and standing young chaps, clean cut and erect, they marched by as gayly as if on their way to manœuvres. For the nonce war lost its grimness when one still another, but Rotterdam was finally looked into the happy, smiling faces of those rosy cheeked German lads. Infantry, cavalry, field artillery in count—Many of the canals are covered with a thick green seum and the wonderful thick green seum and the wonderful their way to the Russian and French thought their way to the Russian and French thought their way to the Russian and French thought their way to the Russian and French thick green seum and the wonderful thin the wonderful thin the wonderful think green seum and the wonderful think green seum and prefer our Holland on Delft china.

"Rotterdam was all excitement. Hostilities had denuded the hotels of help. The manager of our hostelry was in the German army and the assistant manager in the Austrian. The chef was waiters had joined the colors.

A woman and young boy were the executive staff and chambermaids were walting on the table. The General Staff of the Dutch army had quarters in the hotel and their pretty uniforms were the only bright spots in a gloomy, wet and desolate scene

Learning through the American Conculate that the steamers to England would shortly be cancelled we decided o take the boat from the Hook of Holland to Harwich that night. She sailed at midnight and to make certain of a berth we took an early train to the Hook and at 6 o'clock took up position near the gangplank. At 8 o'clock when passengers were admitted we made a hasty entrance and by are luck ob-tained a berth. At midnight over 1,000 people were crowded on a vessel having ecommodations for 600, while 400 more were left on the quay, being unable to even get aboard.

Men, women and children slept without mattress or covering on the decks and in companionways, but they did not murmur, for they were on their

Early next morning we were off Harwich. The harbor was mined and a Government pilot boarded our ship and pointed out the way to our quartermas-ters. A formidable fleet of cruisers and They were watching for hostile aero-planes, recognizing that they would play later sunk by a German floating mine, an important part in the war of to-day. was drawn up outside the harbor, while At Cologne soldiers were posted in inside were many torpedo boats and craned, as if to lighten the labors of Sea is expected to be the principal scene the "rubberneck" soldiers.

When we left England physicians were leaving their practices and volun-American papers by tourists in Cologne. teering, women were organizing nurs-We must confess that while we were ing corps and sewing classes, noblemen given much misinformation it was un-intentionally imparted. It was a time tals and their yachts for hospital ships of greatest stress. Germany was at war and every plan was being made for the

commerce will be ruined, their manhoo

War, whatever the result, will change the map of Europe. Teutons fear a We were advised to abandon any thought of reaching London via a Saxons say they cannot permit the rise

And what for? We talked with many men in France, Germany and England-soldiers, offi-

The beautiful scenery lost its attrac- that they are fatherless. Famine stalks tiveness and instead of "sunsets and hill and pestilence is abroad in the land. and dale" our mind wandered back to Our boasted civilization halts as brother fights brother.

#### VALUE OF A SHADE TREE.

According to a bulletin of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, to determine the value of shade trees on streets the advice of practical real estate men was sought. A large number of these men were asked this question: "How much, in your judgment, do full grown shade trees along the street improve the value of the adjoining land for house lots?" jority of answers ranged from 10 to 50 per cent., while some went so far as to state that a house lot would be worth per cent. mere if full grown shade trees were standing in front of t. A fair average of these answers falls between 25 and 40 per cent. Expert tree appraisers say that a shade tree in good condition and well placed is worth \$1 per square inch of crosssection measured at breast height. At that rate a tree one foot in diameter is worth \$113, while a tree two feet When the bridge was safely passable in diameter is worth \$452. For the we were ordered to close every window sake of illustration suppose that we take When the bridge was safely passault we were ordered to close every window and not to look out. We slowly crossed.

Disregarding instructions, we kept our bissegarding instructions, we kept our wide open and saw that the foot. The land value is \$1,250. If

## Few Striking Features in Next War Will Change Map of Europe of a conflict in which its very existence is seriously threatened. The military realize that as a result of the war the war the was in control of the city and the ralilivilization in the vanquished countries ways. Confusion reigned and all men will be retarded for fifty years. Their

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